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Transmitted herewith: ☒ a Preliminary Amendment;
☐ a Response to Examiner's Action; ☐ a Supplemental
Amendment; ☒ a substitute Specification; ☐ a Declaration;
☐ a Supplemental Declaration; ☐ a Power of Attorney;
☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal drawings; to be
filed in the above identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- ☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	14 - 20	* = 0	X	\$ 18	= \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3	** = 0	X	\$ 84	= \$ 0.00
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- ☐ The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; ☐ \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$400.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$920.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1440.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1960.00 extension fee for response

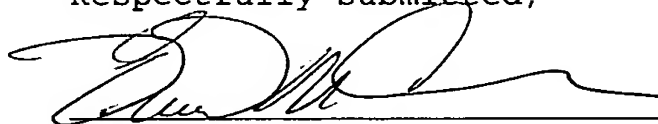
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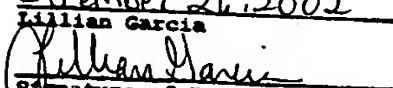


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New Claim	Supporting claim(s)
15	7
16	8

The amended claims include no new matter.

D. Amendment of the Abstract

Applicants have amended the Abstract by submitting a replacement Abstract under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2). The replacement Abstract introduces no new matter. (A "Marked-up Version of Replacement Abstract Pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.121(b)(2)(iii)" is appended hereto at Tab 5.)

Applicants have added a paragraph number to the Abstract.

Applicants have deleted a clerical instruction, proposing the publication of a FIG. with the Abstract, addressed to a foreign patent office.

Applicants have made a grammatical amendment at line 6 of the Abstract (see lines 7-8 of the "Marked-up Version of Replacement Abstract" appended hereto at Tab 5).

Applicants have also amended the Abstract at lines 2-3 to idiomatically rephrase the sentence (see

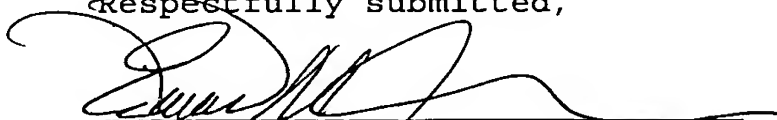
lines 2-5 of the "Marked-up Version of Replacement Abstract" appended hereto at Tab 5).

E. Conclusion

Applicants have amended the application to conform the specification to U.S. patent prosecution practice and to select claimed embodiments for prosecution at this time. Applicants have also amended the Abstract.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment. A favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

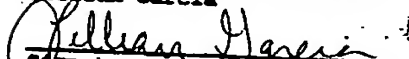


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